

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ~~*Quercus nuttallii*~~ sp.--

Please add the following new paragraphs after the paragraph ending on line 3 of page 5:

--Branches: Surface texture is smooth. Color is gray-green (RHS 194B).

Branch Lenticels: On a branch having a 1 1/2" caliper, average size is 1/16". Shape is round to oblong. Color is slight green-white (RHS 157C) to grey-white (RHS 156B).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--**Foliage:** The leaves of Nuttall, Shumard, and Pin all resemble one another, and my tree has leaves that are typical of *Q. nuttallii* in size and shape: Alternate, simple, obovate to elliptic, 4 to 9" long, 2 to 5" wide, with 5 to 9 lobes. Sinuses are round with narrow lobes. The leaves maintain a dark green color in summer (FIG. 3) (RHS 136B), and the lower leaf surface (FIG. 4) is a lighter green (RHS 138A). Consistent fall color (FIG. 5) which ranges from dark red (RHS 43A) to red orange (RHS 34B). Tufts of hairs are present on the underside vein axils.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Overall Shape: Lobed~~Needle-like~~.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 13 of page 5:

--Petiole: Average length approximately 3/8" to 1/2". Surface texture is smooth (glabrous). Color is dull green (RHS 153A).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--**Buds:** Typical of the species, being imbricate, 1/8 to 1/4" long, ash-gray (RHS 201A) to brown-gray (RHS 199B), and pubescent with ciliate scale margins.--